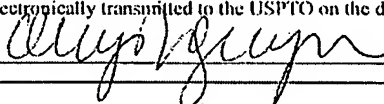


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This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 2, 2007. A Request for Continued Examination is also submitted herewith. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.